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1. The 4th Engineering Regiment, called Luzyski, in Gorzow (Landsberg) (N 5102, E 1826) and the 5th Engineering Regiment, called Mazurski, in Podjuchy (Podejuch) (south of Szczecin) have a summer camp located along the lake called Jezioro Miedwie (west of Starogard). Each regiment is commanded by a Soviet colonel, who speaks poor Polish, and there are twelve other Soviet officers in each regiment who hold high positions.
2. The Polish soldiers in these regiments are treated badly by the Soviet officers, and as a result, officers are occasionally assaulted by soldiers, at times with the help of civilians. Failure to apprehend the assailant(s) gives new courage for other soldiers and civilians to attempt the same thing. Those assailants who are apprehended receive secret military trials and sentences ranging from long-term imprisonment to capital punishment. The capital punishment is later commuted to life imprisonment. All those convicted are sent to the USSR to serve their sentences.
3. The soldiers are poorly paid: six zloty a month and no cigarette rations. There is an abundance of food, but very little fat. The daily ration of the soldiers usually consists of groats fried in soya fat.
4. Because of the general conditions described above there is a shortage of non-commissioned officers in these two regiments in spite of the "alluring propaganda" that the people's army affords an excellent career. Scarcely one to two percent of the soldiers who are demobilized from these two regiments decide to remain in the army as NCO candidates.

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